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SOME HOME TALK.

Although the fact is not generally realized, yet it is true, nevertheless, that if any occupation in life is more important than another, it must be farming. The farmer should not only learn to know his business and his duty, but he should realize his importance.

To be a successful farmer requires a vast amount of knowledge. Not only should the farmer have good horses, but he should know how to take care of them; he should understand the make-up of the horse, the physiology of the animal. He should not only understand the common ailments that the horse is subject to, but he should also know the proper remedies to be applied to such or cure those ailments. He needs to make it his special duty, to take good care of his horses, and in regard to them always keep in mind this golden rule: "A merciful man is merciful to his beast." The horses should be treated with kindness in all places, and at all times, and among other things, by all means give them a comfortable place in the winter. Blankets do not cost much, but they give a vast amount of comfort to the horse. When the faithful animal has been working hard all day, when unblinded and put up, it needs the warmth of a blanket.

The next thing the farmer needs to understand is the nature of the soil of his land. He does not only need to know the chemical property of his land, but also of everything that is to be raised thereon. Every person knows that a human being would starve to death on good hay, as a horse would on venison. On the other hand a horse could live and grow fat on good hay, and a human being on venison. So it is with the seed sown in the ground. It draws its nourishment from the soil where it is sown, provided there is any suitable food within reach. If there is not, the seed will starve like the horse on venison. Hence if the farmer knew the chemicals of the soil, and of the several kinds of vegetables, fruits and grains, there would be less disappointment, more profit at less labor and expense, and more surety about quantities and qualities of crops.

The manure is another important factor in farming, for it, as well as soils and vegetation, has different chemical properties, and it is just as necessary to understand its qualities as those of the soil, vegetation and animals. The manure is food to the soil; soil is the food for plants and vegetation in general; while vegetation is food for animals. Each one of these also absorb nourishment only, as is suitable to its peculiar and individual order.

"Everything after its kind." Not on the understanding of this principle only, but on the strict adherence thereto depends the true success in farming. The profit in farming cannot be judged by the number of acres cultivated, but by the amount harvested. It is less profitable to raise ten bushels to an acre on fifteen acres, than forty bushels to an acre on ten.

"What is work doing is worth doing well." So with farming. It is not the amount of work done, but how it is done.

From all this it can be seen that a successful farmer is an intelligent and educated man, else he could not succeed. He also must be of the truest and most progressive character, as no real progress can exist in any land without the farmer taking an active part therein, for the farmer is truly both the keel and mainstay on the ship of state. The farmer should learn to understand his importance in a community, and in the state. He should be regarded among the most important and honorable citizens. Why should he who "feeds them all" bow to or regard himself inferior to any other person? Let the farmer hold up his head, for all are compelled to look up to him.

HOT SHOT.

Now and again some newspaper man has the courage to come out in the face of religious ostracism and give his minister a "deal," because he forgets (?) to pay year after year, for the subscription to the local newspaper. Here is a sample of this kind of hot shot:

Shouting don't settle old accounts with God or man. We want to bounce

right on a fellow and put him out of the church if he goes to a hall or theatre, but never a word to the pious scamp who never pays his debts. Preachers and people who do not pay their debts are doing the church more harm than dancers and drunkards, for there are showers of them in the church. Reader, are we getting close to you! Then lay down the paper and go and pay up and you can read on at ease. And don't you stop paying because the "statute of limitation" excuses the open account which you made for bread and meat. You must pay it in cash or God will make you pay it in fire and brimstone. God knows no excuse for paying as "homestead exemption." When you raise that excuse to keep from paying your debts you can stop singing, "When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies." You've got none up there.

Strange Revolution in Women's Dress - Will American Ladies Dare Adopt it?

Some predict that the great change in the fashioning of the clothes which are to be worn by women this coming season is the most wonderful victory of the nineteenth century - if fashion leaders can be induced to adopt it, and appear just once in public so arrayed. Men will hold their breath in wonder at the marvelous change it makes in lovely woman. "Few of the fair sex can help being beautiful in these glistening costumes," says a writer in a recent number of The New York and Paris Young Ladies' Fashion Bazar. "This magazine is the only one in Europe or America which makes a specialty of giving those inclined to stoutness an unrivaled appearance of sculptured elegance," said Her Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales, Madame Patti has ordered from the Paris house four magnificent costumes, the designs of which appear in the April number of this Fashion Bazar - and in this magazine only.

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